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In re Application of :
Gupta et al. : ON PETITION
Application No. 09/475,686 :
Filed: December 30, 1999 :
Title of Invention: :
COMMAND INTERFACE USING :
FINGERPRINT SENSOR INPUT SYSTEM :

This is a decision on the Petition for Revival of the Application Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), filed June 9, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

This Petition is hereby **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the non-final Office action, mailed June 4, 2002. The Notice set a three (3) month period for reply, and provided for extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No response having been received, the application became abandoned September 5, 2002. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed December 2, 2002¹.

With the instant petition, Applicant has demonstrated that the abandonment of the application was unavoidable, thus satisfying the requirements of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a). Accordingly, the petition is granted. The reply to the Office action was timely filed on December 4, 2006.

This application is being referred to Technology Art Unit 2632 for processing of the Amendment, filed December 4, 2002, and for continued processing in due course.

¹ It is noted that at the mailing of the Notice of Abandonment, two (2) days remained in the extendable period for reply, and was thus mailed prematurely.

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